money assistance under another Centrally Sponsored Scheme, to enable them to raise adequate working capital for undertaking distribution of consumer articles. The subsidy provided under the scheme is only for strengthening the consumer cooperative structure. Many of the cooperatives distribute essential commodities under the Public Distribution System. Statements showing the amount provided to the States|UT administrations under the two Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last three years (1983-84 to 1985-86) are given in Annxure. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 49.]

(c) The Government of India emphasised that where new Fair Price Shops are to be opened, the State Governments should consider encouraging the cooperatives to open the outlets, particularly in rural areas. The actual allotment of Fair Price Shops, however, is made by the State Governments|U.T. Administrations which are primarily responsible for the organisation and administration of the public distribution system in their respective areas.

(d) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

NABARD credit facilities to Co-operative Banks in Orissa

1165. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NABRAD has stopped giving credit facilities to the Co-operative Banks in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) stopped refinance assistance to Orissa State Cooperative Bank in August, 1986 under schematic lending and fresh drawals under short term and medium term agricultural credit limits since the state cooperative bank defaulted to NABARD in repayment of its dues. Even then, NABARD permitted drawals against short term credit limits sanctioned, till 15-11-86 to such of the Central Cooperative Banks which were not in default. The restriction was lifted from 5-1-87 when the State Cooperative Bank cleared its dues to NABARD on short term credit limits. However, the State Cooperative Bank continues to be a defauter in respect of schematic lending and hence no refinance is being provided for the purpose. For similar reasons of default the Orissa State Coopeartive Land Development Bank has been provided partial refinance from 10-11-86 on long term loans.

Problem of Fishermen due to use of Multipurpose Fishing Boats

1166. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large imported multipurpose fishing boats from Australia have caused havoc recently by use of unauthorised nets for shrimp fishing;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to stop this menace and illegal activity; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for special treatment of large boats, which have affected our small fishermen off the East Coast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) There is no report to indicate that multipurpose fishing vessels recently imported from Australia by various Indian companies have caused any havoc by use of any unauthorised nets for shrimp fishing.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No special treatment is given to large boats. Since large boats would operate in deep sea areas beyond the areas of operation of small fishermen, they will

not be affected by operation of such boats.

Establishment cost of Food Corporation of India

1167. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the establishment cost of FCI per annum;

(b) the extent of establishment cost being passed on to the consumers and shared by Government; and

(c) whether the present establishment cost is exorbitant and an avoidable burden on the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Total Establishment cost of Food Corporation of India during 1985-86 was Rs. 167.84 crores which is 1.60 per cent of the total turn-over.

(b) The difference between the economic cost and issue price is reimbursed to the Food Corporation of India in the form of subsidy, which also includes establishment cost as one of the components of handling cost.

(c) The present establishment cost is only about 4 paise for procurement and distribution of 1kg. of grain which is not considered exorbitant.

Widening the Shahdara-Loni Road

1168. SHRI D. B CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since awarded the contract to any party for widening the shahdara Loni Road, Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of the party to whom contract has been awarded and under what terms and conditions;

(c) by when the widening work of the Shahdara-Loni Road will be completed by the party; and

(d) if answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons of delay in awarding the contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Technical Sanction to the estimate has been accorded by Competent Authority and the N.I.T. is under scrutiny and approval by the Competent Authority. As such there is no delay in awarding the work. Tenders will be invited on finalisation of the N.I.T. The work is likely to be completed in about one year's time from the date of award of contract.

Metro-rail system for New Delhi

@1169. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to introduce metro-rail system for New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government has set up a Task Force to evaluate the different modes of mass rapid transit system for Urban Transport and to recommend the one most suited to meet growing needs of Delhi. The report of the Task Force is still awaited.

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